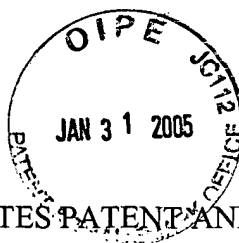


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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

The following papers are enclosed herewith for filing in the above-identified application:

1. Amendment and Response to December 21, 2004 Advisory Action (10 pages); and
2. Return Postcard.

Although the Applicants believe that no fees are due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees that may be due to Deposit Account No. 50-0311 (Ref. No. 22596-531). If the enclosed papers are considered incomplete, the Mail Room is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned collect at (617) 542-6000, Boston, Massachusetts.

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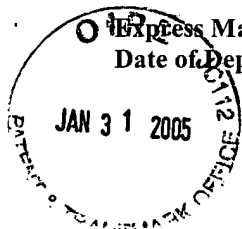
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This paper is in response to the December 21, 2004 Advisory Action and in further response to the August 25, 2004 Final Office Action. This Amendment and Response supplements the Amendment and Response filed on November 30, 2004.

A Notice of Appeal was filed November 30, 2004. Thus, these documents are due on or before Monday, January 31, 2005. Applicants believe that no additional fees are due with this filing. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 22596-531.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks are shown starting on page 9 of this paper.